

**Title 22: HEALTH AND WELFARE**  
**Chapter 855-A: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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**§3200. SHORT TITLE**

This Part may be cited as the 1974 State Supplemental Income Act. [1973, c. 790, §3 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY  
1973, c. 790, §3 (NEW).

**§3201. DECLARATION OF OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE**

**1. Objective.** In keeping with the American heritage that each person in our society has an inherent human dignity, it is declared that blind, disabled and elderly people of our State of Maine are entitled to sufficient income to attain a reasonable standard of living, which will encourage the pursuit of a meaningful life of greatest value to the nation, State of Maine, and fellow human beings. It is the mutual and shared duty of first, the individual and his family, second the community and private agencies of the community, and ultimately the governments of the political subdivisions of this State, the State of Maine, and the United States of America to enable blind, disabled and elderly people to secure income. The objective of this Part is to reduce income barriers to personal and economic independence by encouraging blind, disabled and elderly people to secure and maintain maximum dignity, independence, and self care in a home environment, and if needed, with an appropriate state supplemental income.

[ 1973, c. 790, §3 (NEW) .]

**2. Purpose.** It is further declared that many blind, disabled and elderly people in the State of Maine do not have income sufficient to meet the minimum cost of living budget relating to Maine as determined by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. It is therefore the purpose of this Act, in support of the above objective, to make available to blind, disabled and elderly people a program of state supplemental income.

[ 1973, c. 790, §3 (NEW) .]

SECTION HISTORY  
1973, c. 790, §3 (NEW).

**§3202. DEFINITIONS**

For purposes of this Part, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following words shall have the following meanings. [1973, c. 790, §3 (NEW).]

**1. Agreement.** "Agreement" means a legally binding document between the Maine Department of Health and Human Services and the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

[ 1975, c. 293, §4 (NEW); 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §6 (REV) .]

**2. Blind person.** "Blind person" means a blind individual as defined in section 1614, Title XVI of the United States Social Security Act, as amended.

[ 1973, c. 790, §3 (NEW) .]

**3. Category.** "Category" means a subclassification of state supplemental income benefits for any one of the following: Blind, disabled or elderly person.

[ 1973, c. 790, §3 (NEW) .]

**4. Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Maine Department of Health and Human Services or his successors.

[ 1975, c. 293, §4 (AMD); 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §7 (REV) .]

**5. Department.** "Department" means the Maine Department of Health and Human Services.

[ 1975, c. 293, §4 (AMD); 2003, c. 689, Pt. B, §6 (REV) .]

**6. Disabled person.** "Disabled person" means a disabled individual as defined in section 1614, Title XVI of the United States Social Security Act, as amended.

[ 1973, c. 790, §3 (NEW) .]

**7. Elderly person.** "Elderly person" means an aged individual as defined in section 1614, Title XVI of the United States Social Security Act, as amended.

[ 1973, c. 790, §3 (NEW) .]

**8. Secretary.** "Secretary" means the Secretary, United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

[ 1973, c. 790, §3 (NEW) .]

**9. Social Security Act.** "Social Security Act" means the United States Social Security Act of 1935, as amended.

[ 1973, c. 790, §3 (NEW) .]

**10. Social Security Administration.** "Social Security Administration" means the Social Security Administration, United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

[ 1973, c. 790, §3 (NEW) .]

**11. Title XVI.** "Title XVI" means Title XVI of the United States Social Security Act of 1935, as amended.

[ 1973, c. 790, §3 (NEW) .]

#### SECTION HISTORY

1973, c. 790, §3 (NEW). 2003, c. 689, §§B6,7 (REV).

## §3203. REPORT

On or before February 1, 1975, and thereafter annually, on or before September 1st, the department shall submit a detailed report on the federal supplemental income program and the state supplemental income program to the Governor in accordance with Title 5, sections 43, 44, 45 and 46 and to the Legislative Council.

The report shall include copies of all pertinent state and federal rules and regulations, recommendations for policy, budgetary and legislative action, and any advisory recommendations as may be recommended by the Maine Committee on Aging and the Maine Human Services Council. [1973, c. 790, §3 (NEW).]

SECTION HISTORY

1973, c. 790, §3 (NEW).

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